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SUBJECT: ROMULO ON ASEAN SUMMIT MEETING

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ACCORDING MANILA PRESS FOREIGN MINISTER ROMULO TOLD REPORTERS ON HIS RETURN FROM KL MAY 18 THAT TIMING OF PROPOSED ASEAN SUMMIT MEETING WOULD BE DECIDED BY ASEAN HEADS OF STATE, THUS MAKING IT CLEAR TO PHILIPPINE PUBLIC THAT SUMMIT IS NOT IMMINENT. ROMULO SAID HE AGREED WITH RAJARATNAM THAT HASTY SUMMIT MIGHT CREATE IMPRESSION THAT ASEAN IS "GANGING UP" ON INDO-CHINESE STATES. ROMULO ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT LATTER HAD "NOT YET" RESPONDED TO INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP. ROMULO SAID MAIN TOPIC OF SUMMIT MIGHT BE DISCUSSION OF ZONE OF NEUTRALITY. ASKED IF ZONE MIGHT REQUIRE SCRAPPING OF BASES, HE REPLIED THAT HIS WOULD BE UP TO PRESIDENT MARCOS TO DECIDE. (SAME PAPERS REPORTED SECDEF ENRILE REMARKS IN BACLOLOD CITY THAT UNDER PHILIPPINE MANAGEMENT, CLARK AND SUBIC MIGHT BE CONVERTED TO PROFITABLE, DEVELOPMENT-ORIENTED

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AIR TRANSPORT AND SHIP REPAIR FACILITIES RESPECTIVELY.)

ROMULO HAILED DRAFT TREATY OF AMITY AND COOPERATION AS
MAIN ACHIEVEMENT OF KL CONFERENCE.

2. COMMENT: ROMULO REMARKS REPRESENT INEVITABLE RE-
TREAT FROM PREVIOUS STATEMENTS IMPLYING THAT MARCOS PRO-
POSAL FOR SWIFT MEETING OF ALL ASIAN POWERS (NOT JUST
ASEAN) TO DEAL WITH AFTERMATH OF INDOCHINA DEBACLE MIGHT
MEET WITH FAVORABLE RESPONSE FROM ASEAN MEMBERS.
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